



THE BARE FACTS

OUR MISSION

- to ensure that families living in poverty have an adequate supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers;
- to raise community awareness that "basic human needs" include diapers and that these needs are not being met for children living in poverty
- to advocate for policy reform so that diapers are included in the definition of and provision for the "basic human needs" of families.

GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF CLEAN DIAPERS

- Infants need up to 12 diapers per day; toddlers about 8 diapers per day.
- An adequate supply of disposable diapers can cost over \$100 per month.
- In low-income households, babies often spend the entire day or longer in a single diaper, because the family cannot afford to buy an adequate supply of diapers.
- Inadequate diaper changing increases the risk of numerous health problems including diaper rash and may be linked to an increase rate of hepatitis.
- Low income parents cannot take advantage of free or subsidized childcare, if they cannot afford to leave disposable diapers at the childcare centers. An unfortunate consequence of an inadequate supply of diapers is work and school truancy among the caregivers.
- A baby crying from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged period of time may be at a greater risk of physical abuse by the caregiver, as recognized in studies of patterns of abuse among low-income families.

KEEPING BABIES COVERED

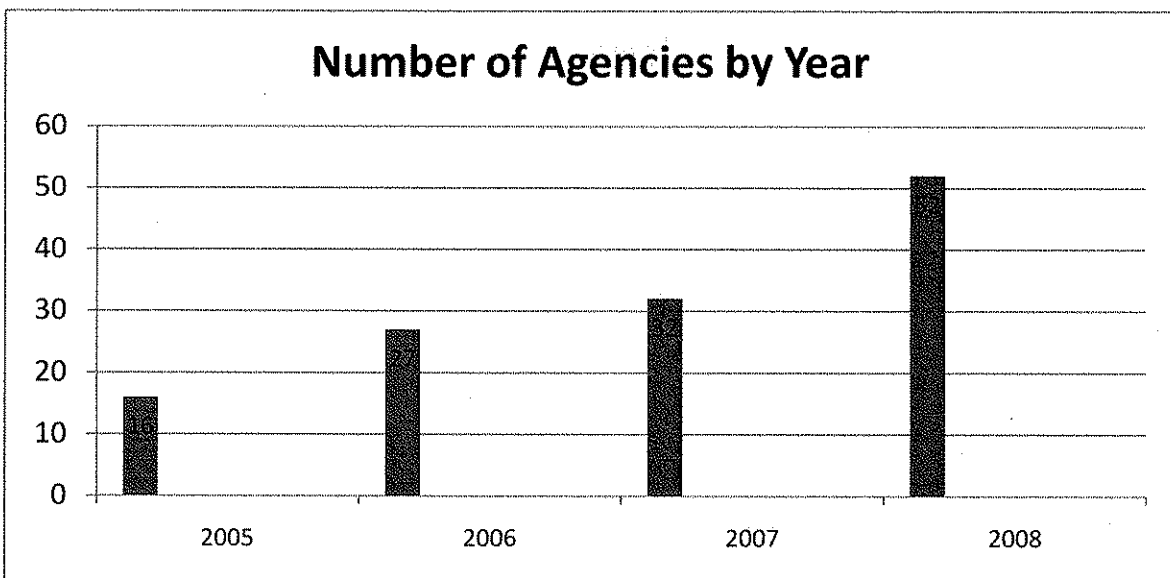
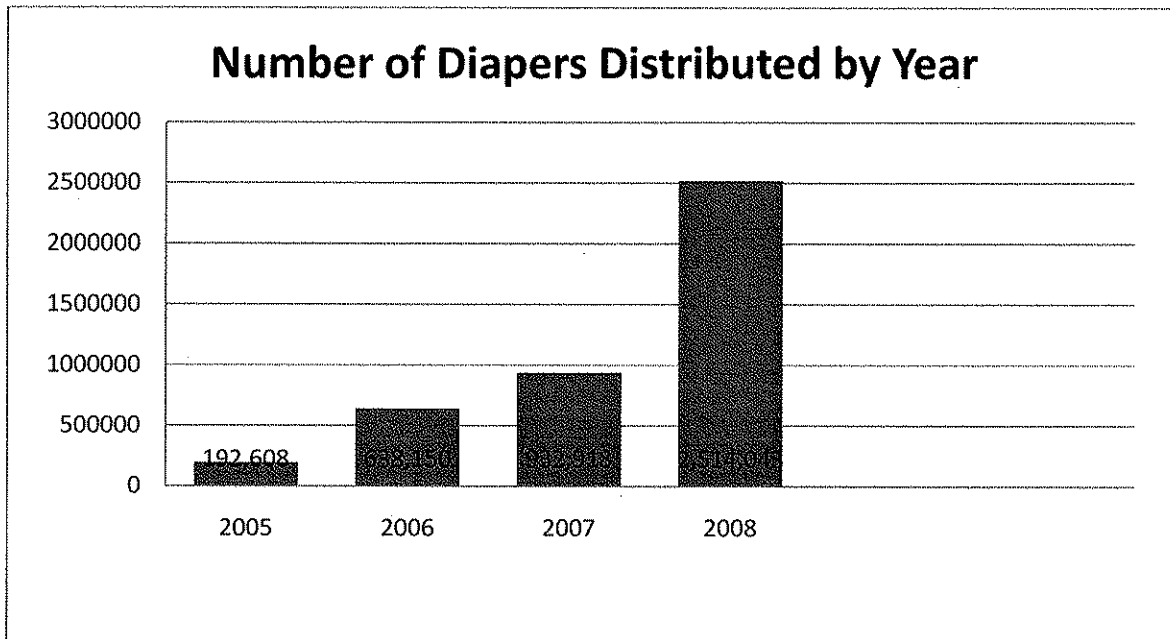
The Diaper Bank provides over 200,000 diapers monthly to poor and low income families in New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford through an extensive Diaper Distribution Network comprised of more than 50 direct service, health, child welfare and community agencies. Funding is provided through the generosity of individual donors, corporations, foundations, and state agencies. Our immediate goal is to increase the number of diapers available for distribution and to continue to raise awareness of the need for economic stability in the poor and low income community.

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The table below reflects the number of diapers distributed through funding provided by the Department of Children and Families from July 1, 2007- 1/31/09.¹

City	# of diapers	DIAPER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AGENCIES
Bridgeport	418,818	ABCD Child First Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport Dunbar Family Resource Center/Bridgeport Hall Neighborhood House Public Health Department/Bridgeport Community Closet Bridgeport Board of Education Parent Center
Hartford	330,563	ADRC Coventry House St. Francis Hospital Emergency Food Bank Family Life Education Inc. Maternal Infant Outreach Program Mercy Housing and Shelter Southside Family Center/Catholic Charities Families in Crisis Nurturing Families Program VNA Healthcare Inc. Wheeler Clinic
New Haven	489,785	New Haven Public School Adult Education Program Catholic Charities/ Centro San Jose Children's Community Program Christian Community Action Christian Training and Healing Center Community Action Agency Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis Elm Haven Resident Council Family Support Services/ Yale Child Study Center French Speaking Baptist Church Hill Family Resource Center Hill Health Center Hospital of St Raphael/Primary Care Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services Jewish Family Services Junta For Progressive Action Katherine Brennan Resource Center Life Haven, Inc LULAC Head Start Minding the Baby/ Yale Child Study Center Montessori School of Edgewood Morning Glory, Inc. New Haven Early Head Start New Haven Healthy Start New Haven Home Recovery Polly T. McCabe Center Project More Public Health Department/ Nurturing Families/New Haven (cont'd)

¹ Due to the great need, many agencies have had to place clients on a waiting list.

		Salvation Army Second Star of Jacob Shiloh Baptist Church St Luke's Services SPFS /Elizabeth Celotto Child Care Center Wexler-Grant Family Resource Center Youth Continuum Masters Manna Inc. Reach Out, Inc Samaritan Regional Services/Noah's Park Child Care Center Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Yale Nurturing Families New Haven Family Alliance
Total	1,239,166	

